

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT.

THE Cemetery of Mount Auburn, the earliest establishment of its kind in the United States, continues to take precedence in appearance and preservation over most of those which have since been constructed on its model. The general condition of the grounds is satisfactory, the roads and paths are in good repair, and the whole aspect of the Cemetery has been improved during the past year, by the introduction of many new monuments and stone inclosures, of beautiful and elaborate workmanship.

The eminence called on the maps "Cedar Hill," and well known as being the site of the Appleton Monument, has been wholly remodelled, and converted into a symmetrical mound of oval shape, uniformly turfed, and made accessible to carriages by a new avenue. This has been done at the voluntary expense of William Appleton, Esq., and it will hereafter constitute one of the conspicuous ornaments of the Cemetery.

The fountain on Thistle Path, announced as contracted for in the last Annual Report, has been completed, together with its basin, pipes, and drains, and has been in satisfactory operation for a number of weeks during the fall. The adjacent land, as stipulated in the contract, has been conveyed to Mrs. A. Hemenway, to be forever kept open, and the sum of \$6,000, in conformity to the agreement, has been paid by her to the Treasurer. The remainder of the low land in which the fountain is situated, is in process of reclamation by the removal of the mud, and by replacing it with gravel to such a height as to render it ornamental and suitable for Cemetery purposes.

In connection with this operation, with the consent of the proprietors, the summit of Laurel Hill in the same neighborhood has been taken off, and the gravel used to make the new land in the bog. This process, while it improves the appearance of the hill, is sure to prove remunerative to the Corporation from the sale of the newly made land, and of some of the steep declivities which are now made more level and available.

The new public lot called St. Matthew's Lot, situated on Spruce Avenue, is completed and enclosed by a hedge. It contains 19,609

square feet, and 633 single grave plots as exhibited on the plan. The present price of these, including the fee of interment, is fifteen dollars.

An extension of time has been allowed to the contractors for the granite front of the new catacomb upon Rosebay Avenue, who have continued their efforts to eradicate the stains from the stone in that structure, but hitherto, it is feared, without success.

It is again earnestly urged on the attention of those Proprietors who have not taken care to affix bounds or land marks to their lots, that they are liable to the loss or removal of their lots at any time, in consequence of this neglect. It is also especially recommended that those Proprietors who have made no provision for the future preservation of their lots, should give to the repair fund, either by donation or bequest, the small sum requisite to keep them in future repair; or at least that they should designate in their wills some suitable person to represent or succeed them as Proprietor. This precaution may prevent the lots from hereafter falling into decay in the hands of careless or non-resident parties.

In the matter of the suit against Mr. Jonathan Mann, referred to in the last Annual Report, a trial was had in the Supreme Judicial Court, before the Jury, in March, 1863, which resulted in a verdict of about two hundred and fifty dollars in favor of Mr. Mann. On motion of the Counsel for the Corporation, this verdict was set aside by the Court, as contrary to law and evidence; and the case stands for trial in April next.

By the Treasurer's Report it appears that the amount of the permanent fund for the future support of the Cemetery is now \$35,596.52. The repair fund now amounts to \$20,099.08. The amount of invested property exclusive of the above, together with the balance of cash in the Treasurer's hands is estimated at \$27,580.29. The sales during the past year have been unusually large, and notwithstanding the high price of labor and materials, it is trusted that the result of the year's operations will be satisfactory to the Proprietors.

By Order of the Trustees,

JACOB BIGELOW, *President.*

Boston, January 25, 1864.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of Mount Auburn Cemetery,

GENTLEMEN,—

In accordance with the requirements of the Trustees, I herewith transmit the Annual Report of the Superintendent, for the year ending December 31st, 1863, as per account of his department.

Number of Original Interments for the year ending December 31, 1863, has been	582
“ “ Removals from other Cemeteries, - - - - -	116
Total number of Interments for the year, - - - - -	698
Number of Interments in the Public Lots for the year, - - - - -	67
“ “ Deposits “ Receiving Tomb for the year, - - - - -	53
Total number of Interments in the Cemetery to date, - - - - -	12,173
Number of New Lots graded, and bounded with Granite Posts, - - - - -	81
“ “ Old Lots improved by being newly Graded and Sodded, - - - - -	143
“ “ Old Lots bounded with Granite Posts, - - - - -	10
“ “ Lots enclosed with Granite, - - - - -	80
“ “ Iron Fences erected, - - - - -	6
“ “ Tombs built, - - - - -	4
“ “ Monuments erected, - - - - -	33

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL L. WINSOR,

Superintendent Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Mount Auburn, January 14, 1864.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The TREASURER Reports the following Abstract of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURES
for the 32d year, 1863.*

There was in his hands at commencement, - - - - -	\$5,445.47	
He has received from sundry parties, for Labor and Materials, including \$6,000 from Mrs. Hemenway, - - - - -	32,152.40	
For Sales of Lots, - - - - -	28,989.75	
" Deeds, - - - - -	146.00	
" Interest and Dividends, - - - - -	1,075.86	
" Interment in Public Lot, - - - - -	15.00	
Of Massachusetts Horticultural Society for one-fourth expense of raising Lawn, - - - - -	287.50	
For Tomb on Hazel Dell, - - - - -	\$2,000.00	
Less value of Land, - - - - -	181.50	
	<u>1,818.50</u>	
		\$69,930.48
He has paid for Labor and Materials, used at Cemetery, - - -	34,319.81	
For Water Pipes, and laying, - - - - -	528.28	
To James Derby, Gate-Keeper, - - - - -	487.59	
" Daniel L. Winsor, Superintendent, - - - - -	1,595.86	
" Austin J. Coolidge, Secretary, balance 1862 account, -	287.50	
" " " Salary, Fees, and expenditures, 1863, -	1,013.38	
" sundry parties for Expenses, - - - - -	1,746.05	
" Massachusetts Horticultural Society, for 1862, - - -	4,284.72	
" " " " for 1863, - - - - -	6,897.44	
" United States 5-20 Loan, - - - - -	10,000.00	
" Accrued Interest, - - - - -	102.61	
" Massachusetts Hospital Life Ins. Co., for Permanent Fund, -	5,002.45	
Refunded over-payment for Lots, - - - - -	87.50	
" for removal from Public Lot, - - - - -	12.00	
Salary of Treasurer, - - - - -	800.00	
Leaving in his hands, - - - - -	2,765.29	
	<u>\$69,930.48</u>	
He has also received on account of the Fund for Repairs,		
For Income of Investments and new Endowments, - - - - -	\$1,304.57	
And has paid, for care of Lots, - - - - -	800.14	
There was due him at close of last year, - - - - -	28.85	
Leaving a balance in his hands of - - - - -	475.58	
	<u>\$1,304.57</u>	

GEO. WM. BOND, *Treasurer.*

Boston, December 31, 1863.

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, for the year ending December 31, 1863, and have found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments charged.

The certificates of Stocks and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statements in his accounts.

In the Fund for Repairs there appears to be a balance due from him of four hundred and seventy-five 58-100 dollars, and there is also due from him in General account, twenty-seven hundred and sixty-five 29-100 dollars.

CHARLES C. LITTLE, } Finance Committee.
CHAS. G. NAZRO, }

Boston, February 22, 1864.

The Property of the Corporation consists of:—

The Cemetery, which has cost to date,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$339,735.95
Statuary,-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,365.20
Superintendent's House and Lot,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,892.91
15 Shares in Shawmut Bank,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,500.00
4 " " Boston and Lowell Railroad,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000.00
20 " " Atlantic Bank,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000.00
20 " " Fitchburg Railroad,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000.00
United States 5-20 Loan,-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000.00
Notes receivable, secured by mortgage,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,000.00
Lots 567 and 592, in the Cemetery, (purchased,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	315.00
Cash,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,765.29
									<u>27,580.29</u>

PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company,

for Permanent Fund, as per last year's report,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,060.75
Interest for 1863,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,533.32
Deposited in December, 1863,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,002.45

Making the total value of this fund, - - - - - 35,596.52

REPAIR FUND.

There is also for the Fund for Repairs,—

8 Shares Fitchburg Railroad, cost,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	841.00
10 " Western " " -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,002.50
30 " Atlas Bank, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,970.00
Notes receivable, secured by mortgage,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,800.00
Cash,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	475.58
									<u>20,099.08</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. WM. BOND, Treasurer.

